

Member Agreement Fall 2014!

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Member Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Number: _____

Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

We, the farm, wish to provide you with fresh, local, seasonal food and you, the member, wish to receive a portion of our harvest. This agreement outlines our shared commitment.

Section 1. CSA Farm

A. Becoming a Part of Our Farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between our farm and you as our customer. Instead of purchasing food retail, you become a member of the CSA farm and receive a portion of the harvest.

Our Fall CSA runs for 10 weeks for 10 weeks of produce for our full share, and every other week (You will get put on a schedule) for five shares worth of produce from September to November (to get to 10 weeks the start date might actually be in August). As a member, you are responsible to go to either to the farm OR our pick-up site at the Brookings Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 3-6pm.

B. Our Growing Practices: The farm is hoping to get certified organic by the start of the growing season through the Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA). Organic produce is grown without using specific conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering, or ionizing radiation. We will be inspected annually and are required to keep records for MOSA and the USDA. For more information about organic production, please ask.

C. The Products We Expect this Year: The chart below outlines the vegetables we will deliver and when you may see them in your share. This chart is based on our best estimate. Weather, pests and other events will affect the production one way or the other. For example, tomatoes might go all the way through October in one year and end in the middle of September another. We will keep you informed during the season about the current expectations.

Month Harvested Expected Crops

September Garlic, Shallots, Onions, Kale, Swiss Chard, Carrots, Lettuce, Broccoli, Radishes, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Beets, Turnips, Snap Beans, herbs, Summer Squash, Cucumbers, Cauliflower, Potatoes, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Watermelon Radish, Bok Choy.

October to November Garlic, Shallots, Kale, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Carrots, Lettuce, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Radishes, Beets, Turnips, Spinach, Pumpkin, Winter Squash, Potatoes, Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Fennel, Parsnip, Watermelon Radish.

Section 2. Our Shared Commitments

A. Sharing in the Risk of Crop Failure: We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week-to-week/month-to-month/season-to-season due to extreme weather, insects, or other production factors despite our best efforts. By joining our CSA, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other member. In any given year, the squash or potato crop might be below expectations. This just means you would get less than we had anticipated. We do as much advanced planning as possible to avoid crop failures- we use drip irrigation for most of our fields and our fields naturally drain very well. We use integrated pest management, including row covers and netting to prevent insect and animal damage to our crops.

B. Sharing in the Reward of Crop Surplus: In addition to our CSA, our farm sells at local farmers markets and restaurants. Although production is not segregated, our CSA receives priority. After filling our CSA share with the week's harvest first, the remainder is sold to our other markets. This allows us to select a consistently full and diverse share to our customers while avoiding over-delivering any one product. You may occasionally see products on our market table that were not included in that week's share depending on the weekly harvest volume.

Section 3. Picking Up Shares: You are responsible for picking up your share each week from the distribution site

If you cannot pick-up your share, you must arrange for someone else to pick it up for you. You are responsible for explaining the pick-up location and procedures to your substitute. Shares that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be sold at the farmers market.

We take the safety of your food seriously. We wash and refrigerate produce as it harvested in compliance with our organic certification. We submit annual water tests to our certifying agency as well. For your added protection, please wash all produce before eating, refrigerate your eggs and put frozen products in the freezer as soon as possible.

Section 4: Member Fees Please place a check mark next to the share type you would like from the list below.

CHECK YOUR SELECTION

Share Type Amount Price per share Total

Vegetable FULL: 10 weeks \$280 Vegetable HALF: 5 weeks \$150 Total Amount Due:

The membership fee is due with this signed contract by the first pickup date, Wednesday September 3rd 2014. You can also mail this signed agreement with a check for your total amount due, made payable to Hillside Prairie Gardens. You can also pay on the website (Hillsideprairiegardens.com). By submitting an agreement form you are agreeing to pay the membership fee for the share you indicated above. All payments are non-refundable. We reserve the right to bill any fees incurred with an overdrawn account.

Section 5. Communicating with Us: The best way to communicate with us is via email at Hillsideprairiegardens@gmail.com. We will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

We will communicate with you by email. When you sign up, you will be added to our distribution list. Please read your email from us. We depend on being able to communicate important information such as necessary changes to your distribution schedule or to our farm events.

By signing below, I agree to purchase the membership share indicated in Section 4. I understand that, although unlikely, the farm may change parts of this agreement related to production and distribution from time to time. I understand that they will contact me via email in advance of any changes to this agreement.

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____